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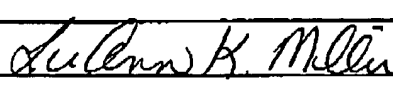
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Appln. No.: 10/696,978

Filed: October 30, 2003

Title: METHOD FOR ACTIVATING THE  
SUCTION HOLES OF ROLLERS FOR  
PAPER CONVERTING MACHINES AND  
ROLLERS FOR CARRYING OUT THIS  
METHOD

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Group Art Unit: 3726

Examiner: Marc Quemuel Jimenez

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS REQUIREMENT**Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed on June 6, 2006, Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1-4, method claims, with Species A, with traverse. Applicant hereby withdraws Claims 5-11. As noted by the examiner, Claims 1 and 5 are generic for all the species.

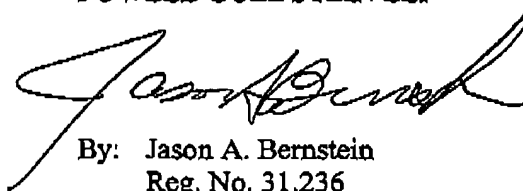
Applicant respectfully submits that there is a common inventive concept, namely an interposition element having a plurality of interposition holes and arranged between the suction holes and the suction chamber. The interposition element slides either translationally or rotationally to selectively locate the interposition holes at desired suction holes. In one embodiment, Applicant has a translationally sliding interposition element; in another embodiment, Applicant has a rationally sliding interposition element; but the inventive concept is

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the same. Applicant maintains that there is a common inventive concept, no additional search should be required, and a restriction requirement is therefore unnecessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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